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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of

MUSSELWHITE ET AL.

Serial No.: 09/982,618

Filed: October 17, 2001

For: MULTI-PURPOSE FLOAT
EQUIPMENT AND METHOD

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Attorney Docket: DLY-014:CIP

Examiner: N/A

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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Assistant Commissioner of Patents
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Sir:

Applicant respectfully submits herewith a preliminary amendment related to a Petition to Make Special for grounds of actual infringement of a product actually on the market. For this purpose, please amend the specification as follows. The appropriate fee for additional claims is attached herewith. Although no other fees are believed due, permission is hereby provided to deduct any additional fees required from Applicants' attorneys deposit account.

To the extent required, marked up and replacement sheets are provided herewith.

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In the Specification

N.E. The first line of the specification is amended to correct the priority data and position the